Nays-9.

Atlee. Burns.

Lloyd. Neal.

Davidson. Kerr.

Patterson. Ross.

Lewis.

Absent.

Dibrell. Goss. Johnson. Linn.

Odell.

Stafford. Stone. Turney. Wayland. Yett.

The bill failed on engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Grinnan. James.

Potter. Sebastian. Terrell.

McGee. Morriss.

Nays—14.

Atlee. Burns. Davidson. Gough.

Lewis. Lloyd. Miller. Neal. Patterson.

Greer. Hanger. Kerr.

Ross. Yantis.

Absent.

Dibrell. Goss. Johnson. Linn.

Stafford. Stone. Turney. Wayland.

Odell. Yett.

Senator Yantis moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill failed on engrossment, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

Senator Atlee moved that the Senate go into executive session on Friday of next week at 11 a.m. to consider the notary appointments by the Governor.

So ordered.

On motion of Senator McGee, the regular order of business was suspended to

take up, on second reading,

Substitute Senate bill No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to amend Article 838, Chapter 6, Title XVII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, defining the crime of burglary, same being Chapter 62, page 65, General Laws of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, 1897, defining the offense of burglary."

The bill was read a second time with committee substitute.

Committee substitute adopted.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend Substitute Senate bill No. 84

'amend,' where first occurring in line 5, page 2, down to and including the words 'same being,' in line 7, page 2."

Adopted.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend Substitute Senate bill No. 84 by striking out all of lines 14 and 15, page 2."

Adopted.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend by inserting after '1897,' in line 12, page 2, the following, 'amending Article 838, Penal Code.'"

Adopted.

ine bill as amended was ordered en-

grossed.

Senator Davidson moved that the Senate go into executive session on the appointments of the Governor today sent in, other than notaries public, on tomorrow at 11 a. m.

So ordered.

On motion of Senator Miller, the Senate adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

austin, Tex., Wednesday, March 29, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Burns. Davidson. Dibrell. Goss. Gough. Greer. Grinnan. Hanger. James.

Atlee.

McGee. Miller. Morriss. Neal. Patterson. Potter. Ross.

Sebastian. Stafford. Terrell. Turney. Wayland.

Linn. Lloyd.

Kerr.

Lewis.

Absent.

Johnson. Odell.

Stone. Yett.

Yantis.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Den-

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Atlee, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Miller, Assistant by striking out all after the word | Doorkeeper, V. F. Pace, was excused for

today and tomorrow on account of sickness in his family.

On motion of Senator Davidson, Senator Dibrell was excused for non-attendance on Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Patterson, Senator Johnson was excused for non-attendance on Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Gough:

Memorial from citizens of Winsboro, Texas, praying for the passage of the M., K. & T. consolidation bill over the Governor's veto.

By Senator McGee:

Memorial of citizens of Rusk county, endorsing the action of the Governor in vetoing the railway consolidation bills.

INVITATION.

The Chair laid before the Senate, the following invitation:

San Antonio, Texas, March 28, 1899.

To the Senators of Texas.

On behalf of the citizens of San Antonio, I hereby extend an invitation to your honorable body to visit San Antonio April 21 and 22, to witness our annual "Flower Battle" and "Carnival."

The entertainment which we offer at that time, we promise will be beautiful, novel and interesting, and we think well worth your while.

San Antonio's doors are open to you

at that time.

Yours very respectfully,
BEN M. HAMMOND,
Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the above invitation was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 28, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and com-

Senate bill No. 273, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities," adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 4 of said act, so as to make all officers created by said act elective by the qualified voters of said city,"

And find the same correctly enrolled,

and have this day, at 4:50 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 28, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 290, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4968 (4584), Title CII, Chapter 4, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to estrays,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 28, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 286, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and define the limitation of time wherein suits for taxes may be brought, and to declare the taxes for the recovery of which suit is not brought within such time shall be conclusively presumed to have been paid, and to forbid any action therefor, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

(1) "Amend the bill by striking out the word 'two' and insert in lieu thereof the word 'four.'

(2) "Amend the bill by striking out the words 'without penalty or interest.'" ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 28, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 743, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to name the several counties comprising the Fifty-first and Thirty-third Judicial Districts, and to fix the times of holding courts therein, and to attach the unorganized county of Schleicher to the county of Menard until its organization, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 28, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 308, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1731 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 28, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 284, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1880, Chapter 4, Title XXXIX, of Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted by the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 29, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History, to whom was referred

House bill No. 204, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to permit any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

McGEE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 29, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 243, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the incorporation for school purposes only, of the independent school district of Victoria, which includes within its bounds the municipal corporation of the town or city of Victoria,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. JAMES, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 496, Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to irrigating canals, wells, reservoirs, etc., and the protection thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Mining and Irrigation.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the correction and division of unpatented alternate surveys between the individual owner and State school land, in conflict with other valid surveys, and to protect the purchasers of State school land in conflict therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

By Senator Burns:

Senate bill No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3885, 3886 and 3887, of Chapter 5, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the Normal School for Colored Teachers at Prairie View."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Call concluded.

Senator Sebastian moved to reconsider the vote by which the Free Conference

Committee report on

Senate bill No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2, of Chapter 153, of the general laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State, otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trot line; and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof,' and to exempt the counties of

Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto from the provisions of said chapter," was adopted on yesterday.

Reconsidered.

The Free Conference Committee report was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

McGee. Atlee. Burns. Miller. Morriss. Dibrell. Neal. Goss. Potter. Gough. Greer. Ross. Sebastian. Grinnan. Stafford. Hanger. James. Terrell. Turney. Kerr. Wayland. Lewis. Yantis. Linn. Lloyd.

Nays—1.

Patterson.

Absent.

Davidson. Johnson. Odell. Stone. Yett.

Senator Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the House amendments to

Senate bill No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a uniform method of electing school trustees in independent districts, defining the duties of such trustees in the election of superintendent of schools," was adopted on yesterday.

Reconsidered.

The Free Conference Committee report was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-25.

McGee. Atlee. Miller. Burns. Dibrell. Morriss. Neal. Goss. Potter. Gough. Greer. Ross. Sebastian. Grinnan. Stafford. Hanger. Terrell. James. Kerr. Turney. Wayland. Lewis. Linn. Yantis. Lloyd.

Nays—1.

Patterson.

Absent.

Davidson. Stone. Johnson. Yett. Odell.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message was received from the House:

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, March 29, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Scnate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan, under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery, or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in the State of Texas."

Also Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501, 574, "An Act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, under certain conditions, and make an appropriation therefor" (with amendments).

Also that the House has adopted the Free Conference Committee report on Senate bill No. 130.

Also the House has passed Senate bill No. 145, "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal school, to be located at Denton, Texas, and to be known as the North Texas State Normal College."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN SENATE.

The above reported House bills were read first time, and referred as follows: House bill No. 204, to the Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History. Substitute House bill Nos. 160, 501 and 574, to the Committee on State Affairs.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

House bill No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of San Saba county, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a third time, and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

third reading,

House bill No. 555, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed by the Twenty-fifth Legislature in the year 1897, entitled 'An Act to amend Subdivision 15, of Article 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the time of holding the terms of the district court of the Fifteenth Judicial District of Texas, passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature in the year 1895, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act,' providing for the selection and empaneling of grand juries for the January term of said court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read a third time, and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the owner, owners or lessee of coal mines within this State to provide for the safety and health of their employes, and requiring them to construct sufficient means of egress and ingress, and providing a penalty for the failure to so do," action being on Senator Davidson's amendment, to-wit:

"Amend by striking out lines 14, 15, 316, 37, 18 and 19, on page 1, of the bill."

Pending action on the adoption of the amendment.

On motion of Senator Terrell, further consideration of the bill was postponed to Wednesday next.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 5, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Articles 5001a and 5001b, providing for elections in a county or a subdivision of a county to determine whether hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large in such county or subdivision."

The bill was read a second time (in interest of Senator Goss).

Pending action on passage to a third

reading,

On motion of Senator Lewis, further reconsideration of the bill was postponed runta tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

House bill No. 233, "An Act to prohibit railroad companies, their officers,
agents and employes from making excessive charges for carrying and transportlang freights, goods, wares and merchanDavidson.

dise, and to require said companies, their officers, agents and employes to deliver freight, goods, wares and merchandise on the payment of the freight charges due as shown by the bill of lading, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act."

House bill No. 542, "An Act to regulate the drilling, operation and abandonment of petroleum oil, natural gas and mineral water wells, and to prevent certain abuses connected therewith."

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 22, Title IV, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Section 55, creating a judicial district in Galveston county, additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein, to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts, and the disposition of the business therein, and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read a second time, and

passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Linn, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-24.

Atlee. McGee. Burns. Miller. Davidson. Morriss. Dibrell. Neal. Gough. Potter. Greer. Ross. Hanger. Sebastian. James. Stafford. Kerr. Terrell. Lewis. Turney. Wayland. Linn. Lloyd. Yantis.

Nays—2.

Grinnan. Patterson.

Absent.

Johnson. Stone. Odell. Yett.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-19.

Atlee. Dibrell.
Burns. Gough.
Davidson. Greer.

Hanger.	Neal.
Lewis.	Ross.
Linn.	Sebastian.
Lloyd.	Stafford.
McGee.	Turney.
Miller.	Wayland.
Morriss.	·

Nays—6.

Grinnan. Potter. James. Terrell. Patterson. Yantis.

Absent.

Johnson. Stone. Odell. Yett.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 14, of Chapter 164, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to a uniform system of text-books, adding thereto additional branches of study, and making the same apply to cities of more than ten thousand inhabitants."

The bill was read a second time, with a favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports.

Senator Hanger moved to substitute the adverse minority for the favorable majority committee report.

Pending action, the hour fixed on yesterday for the Senate to go into executive arrived, and

On motion of Senator Atlee the executive session was postponed to 12 m. to-day.

The motion to substitute the adverse minority for the favorable majority committee report prevailed, by the following vote:

Yeas-15.

Atlee.	Linn.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Turney.
Hanger.	Wayland.
Lewis.	_

	Nays—10.
Goss.	Miller.
Grinnan.	Morriss.
James.	Potter.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Yantis.

Absent.

Nove-10

Johnson. Odell. McGee. Yett.

PAIRED.

Senator Sebastian, present, who would vote nay, with Senator Stone, absent, who would vote yea.

Senator Hanger moved to reconsiderthe vote by which the adverse minoritycommittee report was adopted, and to law that motion on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas-14.

Atlee. Lewis.
Burns. Linn.
Davidson. Neal.
Dibrell. Ross.
Gough. Stafford.
Greer. Turney.
Hanger. Wayland.

Nays-10.

Goss. Miller.
Grinnan. Morriss.
James. Potter.
Kerr. Terrell.
Lloyd. Yantis.

Present—Not voting.

Patterson.

Absent.

Johnson. Odell. McGee. Yett.

PAIRED.

Senator Sebastian, present, who would vote nay, with Senator Stone, absent, who would vote yea.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

Substitute House bills Nos. 275 and 313, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3892, 3893 and 3894, Chapter 6, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the duties and extending the powers of the Board of Education, in the investment of the permanent school fund, and adding thereto Article 3891a and Article 3894a, giving the State Board of Education an option of ten days one county bonds and on the bonds of incorporated cities, and providing that where a premium is paid for bonds the Board of Education shall refund the same."

The bill was read a second time (in full, at request of Senator Potter).

(Senator Turney in the chair.) On motion of Senator Davidson, further consideration of the bill was post-

poned to Wednesday next.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 350, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require railway companies to receive and transport all freights coming to them from steamships, steamboats and other water eraft and vessels, without discrimination for or against any other steamship line, steamboat line, owner or company, or the owner or owners of any other water craft or vessel."

The bill was read a second time, and on motion of Senator Davidson, further consideration of the bill was postponed until tomorrow.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 386, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 2, Chapter 153, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, page 219, passed May 21, 1897, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State, otherwise than by the ordinary hook and line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in the State, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof."

The bill was read a second time, and

passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-22.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
	Nays1.

Patterson.

Absent.

Odell.
Stafford.
Stone.
Yett.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee. Burns. Davidson. Dibrell. Gough. Greer. Grinnan. Hanger. James. Kerr. Lewis.	Lloyd. McGee. Miller. Morriss. Neal. Potter. Ross. Sebastian. Terrell. Turney. Wayland.
Linn.	Yantis.

Nays-1.

Patterson.

Absent.

Goss. Stafford. Johnson. Stone. Odell. Yett.

Senator Morriss moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 530, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, Title XVII, Revised Criminal Code of Procedure, so as to place Bowie county under the provisions of this chapter relating to the recovery of stolen animals, and the detection and punishment of thieves, and creating an emergency."

The bill was read a second time, and

passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Morriss the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-21.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Gougn.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yantis.
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Absent.

Goss.	Odell.
James.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
McGee.	Yett.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-23.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	${f Mc}{f Gee}.$
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn	

Nays—1.

Patterson.

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Goss.
Johnson.
Miller.
Odell.

Stafford. Stone. Yett.

Senator Morriss moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 540, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of Shelby county; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a second time, and

passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 578, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Fiftieth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a second time, and

passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas-23.

Lloyd.
McĞee.
Morriss.
Neal.
Potter.
Sebastian.
Stafford.
Terrell.
Turney.
Wayland.
Yantis.

Nays—2.

Miller.

Linn.

Patterson.

Absent.

Goss. Johnson. Odell. Ross. Stone. Yett.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas-24.

Atlee.	Hanger
Burns.	James.
Davidson.	Kerr.
Dibrell.	Lewis.
Gough.	Linn.
Greer.	Lloyd.
Grinnan.	McGee.

Miller. Morriss.	Stafford. Terrell.
Neal.	Turney.
Potter.	Wayland.
Sebastian.	Yantis.

Nays-1.

Patterson.

Absent.

Goss. Johnson. Odell. Ross. Stone. Yett.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in the following counties, or any subdivision of said counties, viz.: Cooke, Bell, Ellis, Montague, Wharton, Fayette, Johnson, Collin, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Bexar, Denton, Falls, Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson, Dallas, Austin and Brazos."

The bill was read a second time, and On motion of Senator Lewis further consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday next after call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Chair announced that the hour fixed for Executive Session had arrived, and the Senate accordingly went into Executive Session.

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In Executive Session the following confirmations were had:

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS FOR BRAZOS SANTIAGO.

Thomas Carson of Webb county.
John J. Eagan of Webb county.
M. B. Kingsbury of Webb county.
John Champion of Webb county.
Charles Champion of Webb county.

FISH AND OYSTER COMMISSIONER FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS.

I. P. Kibbe of Calhoun county.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 621, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Nacogdoches county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining

their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the roads of said Lewis. county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm as well as upon the public roads, or partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court, and making provision of act applicable, as far as practicable, to convicts when worked on county farms, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time for the service of same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Nacogdoches county, and to authorize the commissioners court of Nacogdoches county to create the office of superintendent of public roads and bridges for Nacogdoches county and defining his duties, and providing for compensation of said superintendent, and prescribing bond to be given by said officer; providing that delinquent poll tax payers shall be subject to three days road duty; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improvement of roads, and giving persons summoned to work on roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty on the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated."

The bill was read a second time, and On motion of Senator Greer laid on the

table subject to call.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

second reading,

House bill No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan, under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in the State of Texas."

On motion of Senator Yantis, the rule requiring bills to be printed and to lie over one day, and the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days were suspended, and the bill placed upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee. Gough. Burns. Greer. Davidson. Grinnan. Dibrell. Hanger.

James. Potter. Ross. Linn. Sebastian. Lloyd. Stafford. McGee. Terrell. Miller. Turney. Morriss. Wayland. Neal. Yantis.

Absent.

Goss. Johnson. Kerr. Odell.

Patterson. Stone. Yett.

The bill was then read a second time. and passed to a third reading.

Cn motion of Senator Potter the regular order of business was suspended to

take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 136, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4573 and 4574, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as revised in 1895, relating to extortion and discrimination by railways, and in addition to the present penalties providing for forfeiture of charter."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Potter:

"Amend line 3, page 3, by inserting the word 'railroad' after the word 'any.'

Pending action, Senator Linn moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Senator Yantis moved to adjourn until p. m. today.

The Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Thursday, March 30, 1899. Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Stafford in the

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Miller. Atlee. Burns. Morriss. Davidson, Neal. Dibrell. Odell. Gough. Patterson. Greer. Potter. Ross. Grinnan. Sebastian. Hanger. James. Stafford. Kerr. Terrell. Turney. Lewis. Linn. Wayland. Lloyd. Yantis. McGee. Yett.